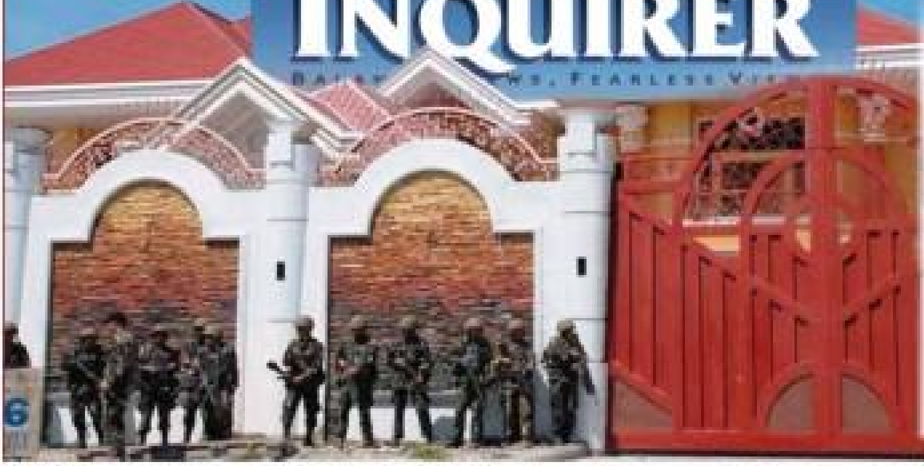
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Wealthy Ampatuans rule over squalor

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SOLDIERS swoop down on the Ampatuan mansion at Juna Subdivision in Davao City. The clan's palatial homes stand as monuments to wealth in a landscape of poverty where the Ampatuans have ruled for years.

More arrests, more raids





SOLDIERS (left photo) dig up on Sunday another cache of firearms at a farm owned by the Ampatuans in Datu Hoffer Ampatuan town in Maguindanao. In Parañaque City (right photo), one of the media workers killed in the Nov. 23 massacre, Daniel Tiamzon of UNTV, is laid to rest at Loyola Memorial Park amid cries of indignation from family and sympathizers.

62 held; another arms cache unearthed

By Marlon Ramos and Inquirer Mindanao

DATU HOFFER AMPATUAN, Maguindanao—Using sniffer dogs and shovels, troops yesterday dug up another arms cache in a crackdown on suspects in the massacre of 57 people after the declaration of martial law in Maguindanao that has led to 62 arrests.

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MORE ARRESTS / A2

Gov't faces pressure to crack down on clan

By Amando Doronila

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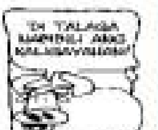
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A TORCH PARADE protesting martial law in Maguindanao lights up the streets of Davao City on Saturday.

Tiger lampooned on TV, Internet

NEW YORK—TIGER WOODS [illegible]



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MILF lets gov't use its bases for pursuit

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—THE SECESSIONIST MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION Front (MILF) yesterday said it would step aside and allow the military the use of its bases in Maguindanao to launch pursuit operations against armed supporters of the Ampatuan clan.

They cooperated in 2005

Prepare for any eventuality

Solons hit choice of General Ferrer

Binay: Martial law a ploy to retrieve proof of fraud

By Allison W. Lopez

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The Daily Gospel

Monday, December 7, 2009

2 Pinoy studes ace int'l math tilt



J. T. de Jesus; 77
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Burma holding RP fishermen

Australia suspends aid to central Mindanao, issues travel advisory

By Jerome Aning

AUSTRALIA HAS SUSPENDED ITS AID TO Maguindanao and the rest of central Mindanao after the government imposed martial law in the province over the weekend to quell brewing unrest among supporters of the powerful Ampatuan clan.

"Staff working on Australian aid programs in central Mindanao have been advised to suspend program activities and cancel non-essential travel until the situation stabilizes," the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said in an updated advisory posted on its website on Sunday.

The advisory also discouraged Australian citizens from traveling to mainland Mindanao, including the Zamboanga Peninsula and the Sulu archipelago.

Australia noted that while martial law was imposed in Maguindanao, a state of emergency remained in effect in Cotabato City and nearby Sultan Kudarat province.

It said that there was a continuing high threat of terrorist attacks and a high threat of kidnappings against Westerners in the Cotabato and Lanao provinces, Basilan, Sultan Kudarat, and the cities of General Santos and Iligan.

"Attacks occurred throughout central Mindanao in late 2008 and again in mid-2009 against military and civilian targets. Further attacks cannot be ruled out. If you are in these areas you should consider leaving," the advisory said.

Australians were also urged to avoid large gatherings, demonstrations, protests, rallies and political events that may turn violent.

"You should avoid any large gatherings, demonstrations, protests, rallies or other public and political events as they may turn violent. Political violence will likely become more common in the lead-up to countrywide elections in May 2010. You should monitor the media for information about any protests and follow the advice of authorities," the advisory said.

Australia also warned its citizens that clashes between Philippine security forces and insurgent groups, including the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, might occur without warning, particularly in central Mindanao.

It said that while a ceasefire and peace talks were announced, "further intermittent clashes could occur."

Fewer countries 'very concerned' about climate change, survey says

COPENHAGEN—World concern about climate change has fallen in the past two years, according to an opinion poll on Sunday, the eve of 190-nation talks in Copenhagen meant to agree on a United Nations deal to fight global warming.

The Nielsen Co. and Oxford University survey showed that 37 percent of more than 27,000 Internet users in 54 countries said they were "very concerned" about climate change, down from 41 percent in a similar poll two years ago.

"Global concern for climate change cools off," the Nielsen Co. said of the poll, taken in October. It linked the decline to the world economic slowdown.

In the United States, the number two emitter after China and the only industrialized nation outside the UN's existing Kyoto Protocol for curbing emissions, the number of those very concerned fell to 25 percent from 34.

President Barack Obama wants to cut US greenhouse gas emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels, and plans to join more than 100 world leaders in Copenhagen at the end of the Dec. 7-18 meeting to try to reach a new UN deal.

China, the top emitter of greenhouse gases, was among few nations surveyed where the number of people very concerned rose, to 36 from 30 percent.

The survey indicated the highest levels of concern were in Latin America and Asian Pacific countries, topped by the Philippines with 78 percent. The country was struck by destructive back to back typhoons in September and October. The poll did not cover most of Africa.

Those least concerned by global warming—blamed on human emissions of greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels—were mainly in eastern Europe. Estonia was at the bottom with just 10 percent saying that they were very concerned.

Jonathan Banks, Business Insights Director Europe of the Nielsen Co., said that worries about climate change may now be picking up with the focus on Copenhagen.

"Economic woes temporarily knocked the climate change issue off the top line agenda, but as the recession is now beginning to recede, we expect the Copenhagen summit to push this important issue to the fore again," he said.

Worldwide, air and water pollution followed by climate change were the top three environmental concerns for the world population, the survey found. *Reuters*



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Somalis free 3 RP seamen

THREE FILIPINO crew members of the MV Charelle were released by Somali pirates on Thursday following a "prolonged and difficult negotiation," the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Saturday.

Citing a report from the vessel's local manning agency, the DFA said the Filipinos were all in good condition.

It said in a statement that the vessel's principal was working on the seamen's repatriation to the Philippines. The ship is registered in Antigua and Barbuda.

The rest of the crew—seven Sri Lankans—were also released, it said.

The MV Charelle is now sailing for the nearest safe port under watch of a naval warship. It was hijacked by Somali pirates off northern Oman on June 12.

The release brings the number of Filipino seafarers held hostage by Somali pirates down to 67 onboard five vessels.

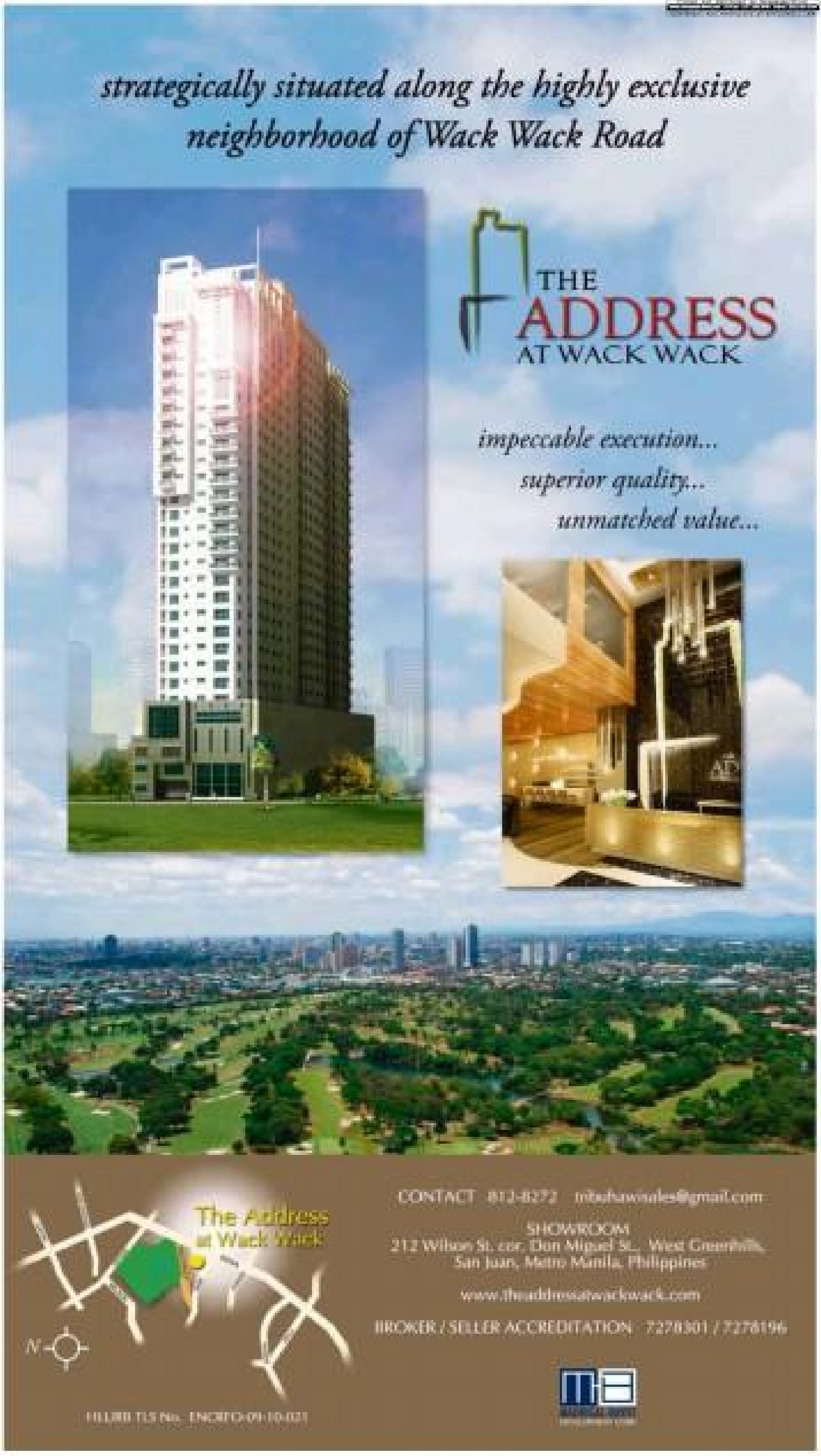
Piracy in the waters of Somalia has been a threat to international shipping since that country's civil war began in the early 1990s.

Somali pirates continue to attack international shipping in the Gulf of Aden despite stepped-up international naval patrols.

Under agreements with Somalia, the United Nations has several ships belonging to 15 countries patrolling the area.

The DFA has taken up the issue of more stringent protection for all seafarers in talks with Japan, the United States and other trade partners, as well as before the International Maritime Organization, UN and other international fora.

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Pinoy kids had to leave Kuwait

Bill would let students in arrears take exams

By Philip C. Tubeza

A PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE YESTERday urged Congress to pass a law that would penalize schools that bar students from taking their exams because they had not fully paid their school bills.

Kabataan party-list Rep. Raymond Palatino said the policy of "no permit, no exam" of many educational institutions should be eliminated in order to protect poor students from "exorbitant" school fees.

"Educational institutions have become merely run as profit-making enterprises with their routine imposition of higher or new school fees, mindful of the economic situation of the students the schools are supposed to serve," Palatino said in a statement.

Palatino has authored House Bill 6799, which imposes a fine of not more than P50,000 and the "suspension and/or cancellation of the permits of the offending schools."

Under the bill, students with delinquent fees would be allowed to take their exams but shall be subject to the right of the school to withhold their clearance or graduate until all delinquencies were fully paid.

At present, private educational institutions bar students who have not settled their financial obligations from taking their periodic or final examinations, Palatino said.

"It is the state's obligation to promote and ensure that our young people's right to education is not compromised due to financial difficulties," he said.

Palatino noted that higher education in the country had remained "largely inaccessible to poor students due to commercialization."

"This bill seeks to protect deserving students from permanently halting their studies due to the understandable inability to pay exorbitant school fees on time," Palatino said.

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Peoples' lawyering dangerous but vital, necessary

'Royal party' for Ampatuans right after 2004 vote

Across the NATION

Cops kill 6 kidnappers, rescue Indian

CAMP GEN. ALEJO SANTOS, BULACAN—POLICE rescued a kidnapped Indian businessman Sunday and killed six of his suspected abductors in two gun battles in Calumpit, Bulacan, officials said.



Farmers face bleak Christmas with flooded rice fields

Flood control

S. Leyte folk bury town mate killed in Maguindanao



The Olongapo City Fiesta Committee 2009 salutes the 50th Anniversary of Olongapo's Turnover by the U.S. Government to Philippine Jurisdiction

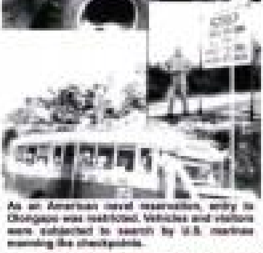
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After the Philippines was granted independence by the United States on July 4, 1946, Olongapo found itself in a peculiar status. Unlike the rest of the country, the fishing village along the coast of Subic Bay remained under direct American rule as a naval reservation- a Philippine territory but outside of the new Republic's sovereignty.

As a community within a military base, freedom was restricted and the locals had to abide by stringent rules and policies. Although the day-to-day affairs of the Filipino community were run by the so-called Office of Civilian Affairs composed by appointed Olongapo officials, by and large it was the U.S. Navy authorities who called the shots.

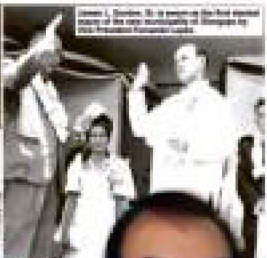
Gradually, the relationship between the Americans and Filipinos turned sour triggered by the increasing abuses and atrocities committed by some U.S. personnel against Olongapo residents. This fueled a surge of nationalism among the locals who demanded their liberty from the shackles of foreign rule. A Filipino-American civic leader, James L. Gordon, Sr., rallied behind his kababayans and spearheaded the movement for Olongapo's freedom which culminated in the turnover of Olongapo back to the Philippine government on December 7, 1959.

Hence on, Olongapo successfully hurdled varied stages of struggle as the infant municipality grew into a chartered city and metamorphosed into the bustling highly urbanized city of today. Succeeding determined leaders, guided by the vision and ideals of the city's founding father, the late James L. Gordon, Sr., have continuously strived to charter the course of Olongapo's future on the road to excellence.

As an American naval reservation, entry to Olongapo was restricted. Vehicles and visitors were subjected to search by U.S. marines manning the checkpoints.



U.S. Charge d' Affairs George Abbot and Philippine Foreign Secretary Felixberto Serrano sign the historic turnover agreement.



James L. Gordon, Sr. is sworn in as the first elected mayor of the new municipality of Olongapo by Vice President Fernando Lopez.

LEADERS WHO SHAPED OLONGAPO



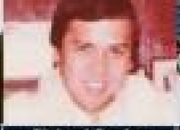
James Gordon, Sr.

- Olongapo's Founding Father and First Elected City Mayor



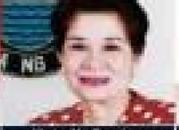
Amelia Gordon

- First woman mayor
- Initiated the City Master Plan and the expansion of Olongapo areas for development



Richard Gordon

- Pioneered unprecedented development and transformed Olongapo into a highly urbanized city
- First Chairman/Administrator of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone



Kate H. Gordon

- Initiated extensive social services programs and recipient of the [illegible] Mayors and Cities for Peace Award



James "Bong" Gordon, Jr.

- Incumbent Mayor
- Pursued the legacy of excellence in public service
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Wealthy Ampatuans rule over squalor

Mansions amid poverty

Gov't allies no more

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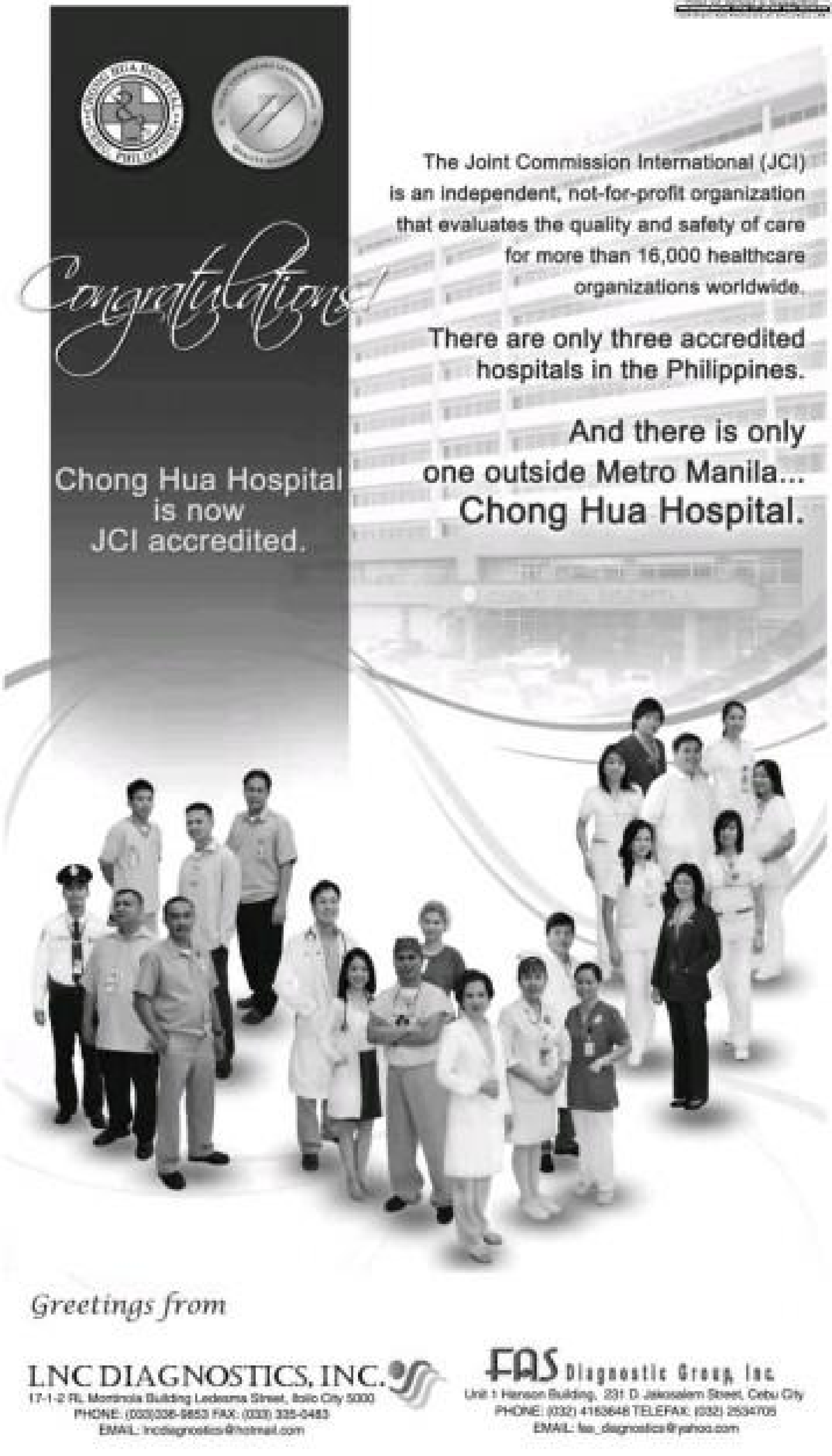
Elections will be held

Warlords

Gov't issues rules of engagement

Identify targets

Justify act


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Biazon warns of plot to clear Ampatuans of massacre

AFP: Extend martial law until May polls



More arrests, more raids

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Mango farm yields arms

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Bullet boxes marked 'DND'

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Empty streets

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VALENZUELA DAWN FIRE

150 families lose houses in blaze

By DJ Yap

SOME 150 FAMILIES LOST their homes in a fire that struck a squatter colony in Valenzuela City early yesterday morning, fire authorities said.

'No truth to reports Ivler seen in clubs'

By Nancy C. Carvajal



DIVING SANTAS Divers in Santa Claus suits decorate a Christmas tree inside one of the giant water tanks at the Manila Ocean Park.

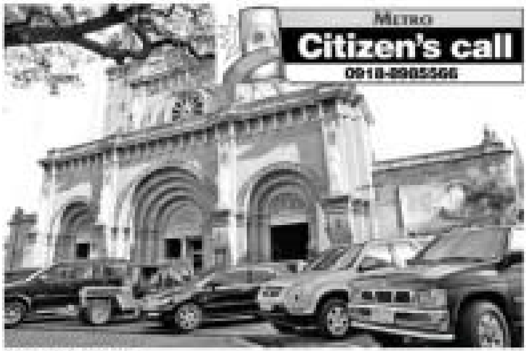
MMDA chair asked: Don't be like Fernando

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Shortcut to nowhere

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Sign being ignored

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Waste of taxes

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Inconsiderate 168 tenants

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No double-parking, please

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Bus terminal causing heavy traffic

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Daily traffic jam

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Speed up work on project

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Street or jeep terminal?

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Broken water pipes

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Wanted: Regular traffic enforcer

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Squatter problem

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BUSY BEES

Inmates at the Makati City jail keep themselves busy by making Christmas lanterns. Making lanterns, some of which are sold, is a tradition among prisoners during the holiday season.

Tinga, ex-ally running for same post in Taguig

Eased out of ticket, Dueñas files CoC

By Allison W. Lopez

IF POLITICS MAKES FOR STRANGE bedfellows, it can also turn friends into fierce rivals.

This is certainly true in the case of Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga who will be slugging it out with his former political ally, Rep. Henry Dueñas Jr., for a seat in Congress.

Both are running in the second district.

Tinga filed his certificate of candidacy (CoC) at the Commission on Elections' main office on Nov. 30, while Dueñas submitted his the following day.

Tinga will run under the Liberal Party while Dueñas is the official candidate of Lakas Kampi CMD.

A source told the Inquirer that Tinga had wanted Dueñas to run for vice mayor alongside his wife, Joey Tinga.

However, the mayor's father, former Associate Justice Dante Tinga, announced that he was running for mayor with incumbent Vice Mayor George Elias as his running mate.

The source said Mayor Tinga was already grooming his wife to succeed him but he was left with no choice but to yield to his father.

"With no room left for him, Dueñas was forced to file for CoC for Congress," said the source.

The Inquirer contacted Mayor Tinga for his reaction but calls and messages to his cell phone went unanswered.

The other contenders for the congressional seat are Councilor Arvin Ian Alit (Nacionalista Party), Lt. Sgt. James Layug (Magdalo) and Jon Reyes, son of Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes.

Runaway jeepney hits teenager

By Nancy C. Carvajal

A PACKED PASSENGER JEEPNEY [illegible]

Brakes failed to work

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Serious injuries

[illegible]

Scavenger finds fetus in garbage pile

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE BODY OF A 5-MONTH-OLD BABY FETUS was discovered yesterday morning in a pile of garbage in Manila. [illegible]

Wrapped in red plastic bag

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Study: CO_2 causes more warming than thought

Lumberjacks in Amazon take lead in sustainable forestry

The WORLD

Obama faced many threats early in term



WASHINGTON—THE YOUNG MARINE'S ROGUE mission, laid out with maps and photographs, was as straightforward as it was chilling. He called it Operation Patriot.

Conviction in Italy, but the case doesn't end

Iran won't quit treaty, its nuke chief asserts

Episcopal Church elects 2nd gay bishop

Chinese says he's held in 'black jail'

US senator recommended girlfriend, his aide says



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Pacific island nations raise mass migration concern


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Team RP settles down in V'tiane

Singaporeans sink water polo bets



By Roy Luarca

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Molina hoping for best this time

Tac, daughter new shooting pair

BK scrambles past E-Painters

Whoppers survive Guiao's ejection



Team RP settles down in V'tiane

Gold Cup: Don Enrico gobbles up Ibarra



Reyes-led RP veterans rule world cage tourney

RP needs a miracle in 25th SEA Games

CLEAN LIVING



Murakami ties for 17th, but loses Asian Tour card

NFGB Presidents Cup 8-stag derby set in Cebu



Eagle Ridge Fore by Four dangles bonanza of prizes

Spain takes doubles, bags Davis Cup crown

Hawks clip Mavs; Suns torch Kings



HOUSTON forward Carl Landry (right) battles Portland's Joel Przybilla for the rebound. AP

Khan stops Salita, keeps light welterweight crown

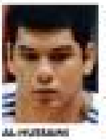


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Eagles, Stags seek PCCL championship slots today

By Cedelf P. Tupas



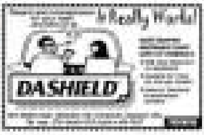
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'Rambulan' semis slated

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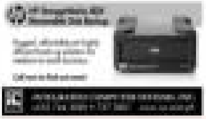
SMART GILAS REINFORCEMENT

Sampson shows worth Friday



Tigers extend UAAP volley streak to 19

CERTIFIED THUNDERBIRD-USER BOY TANTAG / ENGR. SONNY MAGTIBAY & IRENEO ANDAL ARE 2009 BAKBAKAN 10-STAG DERBY CHAMPIONS



BUSINESS



RP to get $250-M anti-climate change funding

Concessional loan seen to induce $2.75B in investments

By Amy R. Remo

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT expects to receive $250 million from the Clean Technology Fund to help the country implement projects that will mitigate climate change, according to Energy Secretary Angelo T. Reyes.

Reyes said the fund would help leverage an estimated $2.75 billion worth of investments needed to implement key programs and projects that would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Clean Technology Fund is a part of a broad global initiative to help developing countries meet the cost of actions needed to combat climate change.

To be issued as concessional loans, the CTF will largely support the deployment of low carbon energy technologies as well as energy efficiency measures for industry, commercial buildings and municipalities.

Activities supported by the fund will get co-financing from the Asian Development Bank's regular operations and this is expected to mobilize additional financing

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PAL to expand Australian operations in first quarter of 2010

Flights to Brisbane to be added starting March

FLAG CARRIER PHILIPPINE AIRLINES will expand its Australian operations when it returns to Brisbane in March 2010, taking advantage of the company's newly delivered Boeing 777 plane.

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Third quarter letdown

No Free Lunch
Cielito F. Habito



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Adjustments

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North Harbor to get ₱1-B facelift in 2010

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE CONSORTIUM tasked to modernize the Manila North Harbor in Tondo will spend P1 billion in 2010 to jumpstart the redevelopment of the country's biggest but most inefficient cargo hub.

This is part of the P14.5-billion investment the joint venture between the group of businessmen Reghis Romero II and Manuel V. Pangilinan had bid to win the 25-year contract to handle the terminal.

Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC), the local infrastructure holding firm of First Pacific Co. Ltd., holds a 35-percent stake in the joint venture company Manila North Harbour Port Inc. (MNHPI).

MPIC's partner, the Romero family's Harbour Centre Port Terminal Inc., has a 65-percent stake in MNHPI.

"In line with our takeover of the North Harbor operations, MNHPI intends to refurbish and rehabilitate existing facilities with the objective to enhance operational efficiency and make the terminal more user-friendly," said Ferdinand Ensong, chief operating officer of MNHPI.

He said the first phase of the modernization would include civil works, the acquisition of new container handling equipment and installation of computer peripherals.









Main stock index seen rising to 3,400 next year

By Doris C. Dumlao

GLOBAL FINANCIAL GIANT SUN Life of Canada sees the main share Philippine Stock Exchange index climbing to at least 3,400 next year or even spiking up further if the presidential elections produce a new leader who enjoys a decisive mandate.

In an interview on Friday, Sun Life Financial Philippines chief investment officer Michael Manuel said local stocks were now trading at a price-earnings (PE) ratio of 15 times compared to their historical PE ratio of [illegible], which means that valuations may not be too compelling.

A company trading on a PE ratio of 15x means that buyers are paying 15 times the amount of money that a company is making in a given year. A high PE ratio also means that investors believe that past earnings are modest compared to future prospects or such is the demand for shares that price has lost reasonable relationship with fundamental value.

But the local stock market is still at the lower end of PE multiples of regional peers, added Manuel, whose company sells insurance and mutual funds.

"If we're going to maintain a PE of 15x and earnings growth based on consensus is 15 percent for 2010, then you will probably see the market conservatively rise to 3,400–3,500," Manuel said.

The PSEi hit a record high of around 3,800 in 2007 but fell by 48.3 percent in 2008 to close at 1,872.85 when the Wall Street crisis brought down the once-venerable investment bank Lehman Brothers and battered many other financial institutions. However, the market rebounded this year, rising 63.3 percent year-to-date to close at 3,061.00 on Friday.

Elections crucial to 2010 market performance

Manuel said the 2010 elections could provide an additional impetus for the market if the Philippines were to elect a leader with a clear majority like what happened in the case of Indonesia.

He said, for instance, that if only at elections would turn out to be what was currently suggested by surveys—where frontrunner Sen. Benigno Aquino III seemed to enjoy a decisive lead over his nearest contender—it would be good for the market.

"If you look at previous elections where the results were very close, you had politics divided over the years and it was very hard to push laws. But if there's a clear majority this time around, no matter who it is, the market would like to see that," Manuel said.

But while the local stock market has exited the bear market, it has yet to see the return of appetite from big foreign funds. To date, foreign activity has been reduced to about 30 percent of local stock market volume as opposed to more than 50 percent in previous years.

Aussie miner gets funding for RP project

By Riza T. Olchondra

AUSTRALIAN FIRM RED 5 LTD. has completed its fund-raising activities for the development of the $73-million Siana gold project in the Philippines.

The Perth-based miner said in a report to shareholders that it raised A$45 million in equity and secured a financing package of $40 million.

The equity placement of 290 million ordinary shares was made to investors in Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, and Southern Cross Equities in London.

The total package includes conservative capital cost overrun and working capital provisions. Total gold delivery commitments are minimal and less than a tenth of those normally required with conventional project finance.

"The equity placement was oversubscribed with 21 new institutions joining the register," Red 5 managing director Greg Edwards said.

Red 5 had also exclusively mandated Deutsche Bank AG and Ashmore Investment Management Ltd., a subsidiary of Ashmore Group plc, for the $40-million senior secured financing for the project.

Ashmore is a leading emerging markets fund manager based in the United Kingdom. It has a long standing association with the Philippines, having invested in hard assets across a wide range of industries including mining, oil refining, telecommunications, transport and high-end commercial and residential developments.

The Siana project covers an area of 33 square kilometers focused around the Siana gold mine in the established gold mining region of Surigao del Norte in the northern end of Mindanao.

Red 5's board of directors committed to start early infrastructure development expenditure from existing treasury funds of AU$3 million.

"Tenders for construction and mining contracts will be issued next week," Edwards said.

Last month, the Perth-based miner said it had cleared the final regulatory hurdle as the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

In a disclosure, Red 5 said the MGB has issued the company a notice to proceed, which is the final document necessary to develop the gold mine project.

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RP to get $250M ...

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from both the government and the private sector.

Reyes pointed out that the $250 million funding—endorsed by the Trust Fund Committee of the CTF and supported by the ADB and the World Bank—was expected to develop a wide range of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the Philippines.

The Philippines is one of the leading countries in the use of renewable energy. Forty-three percent of its total primary energy supply comes from such sources, although the country still has one of the lowest per capita electricity consumption in the East Asia region.

The energy chief explained that the CTF co-financing scheme would support government efforts in transforming the energy sector through scaled-up distributed generation with renewable energy capacity and energy efficiency through demand-side management.

"Demand side management will be able to keep electricity prices competitive by lowering peak demand, and reduced use of power will reduce the fossil fuel used for power generation," he explained.

"The funding, which amounts to $250 million, will aid the country in combating the rising greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) due to various developmental issues stemming from increased vehicle ownership, rapid urbanization rates and land use change," Reyes said.

The $250-million funding will become part of the Philippine CTF Country Investment Plan, which was developed by the government in agreement with the ADB and WB.

It builds on the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (2004-2010), the Philippine Energy Plan (2008-2030), the National Environmentally Sustainable Transport Strategy and other relevant sector plans. The plan would identify priority sectors for GHG emission reduction.

Tentative trading seen

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a 63.3-percent rise since the start of the year.

"The institute on Maguindanao will continue to weigh down sentiment in local equities given that the government has recently announced martial rule in the area," said Astraliar Equities chief strategist Manny Cruz.

Meanwhile, he said the volatility in the US labor market was expected to provide a much needed boost to world equities, which have been trading within a tight range in recent weeks. He said investors would likely be upbeat that the US economy was on the path to recovery after Friday's data showed employers cut far fewer jobs at 11,000 in November, much lower than expectations of 125,000 job losses.

He also noted that US President Obama was expected to unveil a new plan to promote job creation by Tuesday. He said investors would now focus on retail sales for November, which will show how stores fared during Black Friday.

For stock picks, Cruz recommended taking positions on issues which would greatly benefit from the upcoming national elections like broadcasting giants GMA Network and ABS-CBN as well as consumer firms Jollibee Foods Corp. and Universal Robina Corp.

Another is also bullish on geothermal power owner Energy Development Corp., which is expected to benefit from the Renewable Energy Act. *Doris C. Dumlao*

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RP rushing to stock 4.4MMT of rice

Rice fields damaged by typhoons to resume production in 2010

Consumer prices on the rise

Napocor seeks ₱4B in bridge financing

Remittances coming in strong

Honda sees 20% sales growth in '09

Prices continue to dip for 9th straight month

Decline reportedly slowed down in Sept.

BSP cites rise of bond issues in Q1-Q3

By Michelle V. Remo

RP infra sector seen to attract investors

By Doris C. Dumlao

HSBC urges gov't to ease forex rules

RP to 'rebalance' Korea trade pact

By Abigail L. Ho

INFOTECH

No mirror image

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

THOSE LOOKING at Nokia's new E72 business phone may find themselves feeling a sense of déjà vu. With almost the same dimension, weight, screen size, and full qwerty keyboard layout as the E71, you would think the two are one and the same.

But like identical twins, the two share significant differences that would make the E72 a worthy upgrade to the top-selling E71.

Considering the sales record set by the E71 (over a million units sold already), Nokia made sure the E72 retained most of what made its predecessor a market hit.

The E72 kept the excellent keyboard layout of the E71 although changes were made on the bottom row, so that it now include keys for function, shift, symbol/Bluetooth shortcut, [illegible] Ctrl/mute switch.

Redesigned

Even the control cluster has been slightly redesigned, with the D-pad now featuring the Optical Navi key, an optical "track pad" that allows the user to move an item on screen one by one, or scroll multiple items.

The back now features a 5-megapixel camera (the E71 only has 3.2 MP) with LED flash that doubles as a flashlight.

Also, the new business phone is now equipped with a much faster 600 MHz ARM 11 processor, compared with the 369 MHz on the E71. It features faster up and down connection speeds with support for up to 10.2 Mbps High-Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA) as well as High-Speed Uplink Packet Access (2 Mbps). It has an increased internal flash memory of 250 MB (from 110 MB in the E71) and support for external memory to up to 16 GB (from 8 GB in the E71).

Energy-efficient

Even though both business phones use the same 1,500 mAh Lithium-Polymer battery, the E72 is more energy-efficient as the smartphone managed to stay operational for four days with this writer's moderate use.

The manufacturer claims the battery should be able to provide up to 12.5 hours of continuous talk time (up to 10 hours 30 min in the E71) and keep the device alive for 480 hours in standby (410 hours in the E71).

While its price tag of around P22,000 might stop one from heading immediately to a store, the E72 promises to be a worthwhile investment.



WHILE Nokia made improvements performance-wise on the E72 (foreground), it still retains a similar style and feature set by its predecessor.

Small businesses can count on Brother



By Vanessa B. Hidalgo

PRINTERS, FAX MACHINES, scanners and copiers are common fixtures in every office anywhere. So imagine the space that could be cleared in one's workplace if all four devices were to be rolled into one compact device.

Brother International Corp. recently unveiled its latest line of printers that feature the latest light emitting diode (LED) technology.

These printers—labeled the Professional Series—are meant to conserve time, cash and other resources by offering high speed yet cost-effective printing.

LED printers rely on a technology first applied in photocopying machines known as "electrography." A traditional photocopier uses light that reflects off a plate of glass to copy the contents of a document placed inside the machine.

In Brother's latest line of print devices, a light emitting diode is used to copy content from a source, and the data gathered is processed by a computer chip.

Use of this technology has made it possible for Brother to reduce the size of the new printers, making the devices smaller, more compact, leaving more room for one's workspace.

The set of new printers can print up to 16 pages per minute (ppm). It has a rich color print quality with up to 2,400 x 600 dpi resolution.

For additional connectivity, the new printers also have wireless network and LAN network capabilities apart from a USB port located on the printer's panel. It also has a security function lock that enables certain users to grant rights for selective functions such as print, fax, copy and scan.

The devices also [illegible].

"In conventional laser and inkjet printers, the toner and drum cannot be separated. But with Brother printers, when you run out of a toner, you just have to replace the toner. No need to dispose of the entire item," explains [illegible], general manager of Brother International Philippines Corp.

The printers automatically reduce power consumption after a period of inactivity. It also carries the Energy Star efficiency rating for minimal impact on the environment. The panels do not contain harmful chemicals.

The Compact Color LED printers retail between P14,990 and 18,990, while the Compact Color LED Multifunction Devices retail from P24,990 to P34,990.

LG's 'green' air conditioners

LG ELECTRONICS EXPECTS TO INCREASE its market share in the Philippines by offering the world's most energy-efficient commercial air conditioner, the Multi V Plus III, as well as its inverter split-type air conditioners [illegible].

Showcased at the recently held 12th International Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, Refrigerating Exhibition (UP Philippines 2009), LG's new air conditioning technologies offer high reliability and high eco-design energy efficiency that reduces CO_2 emissions.

"Carbon footprint quantification, analysis and reduction are keys to preventing this, so we have action plans to reduce CO_2 emissions, which are eco-designs, high energy-efficient products, natural refrigerant products, hybrid energy use products," said [illegible], business solutions head of LG Electronics Philippines.

The company said its Multi V Plus III combined cutting-edge technology and innovative eco-design solutions that meet the needs of a variety of commercial applications.

BUSINESS Monday

Banker to SMEs vows to do more

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.



First hurdle

Major impact

10 lessons from MAP Management Man of the Year 2009

MAPping the Future
Dr. Jesus P. Estanislao



> Many more of us should focus exclusively on the long-term strength of institutions and corporations

Key lessons

Political will

Breakthrough results

> It is possible for groups to pursue a common strategy map

Guiding principles

Cannes Lions Names 2010 Media, Outdoor and Radio Jury Presidents







Lessons on disaster management

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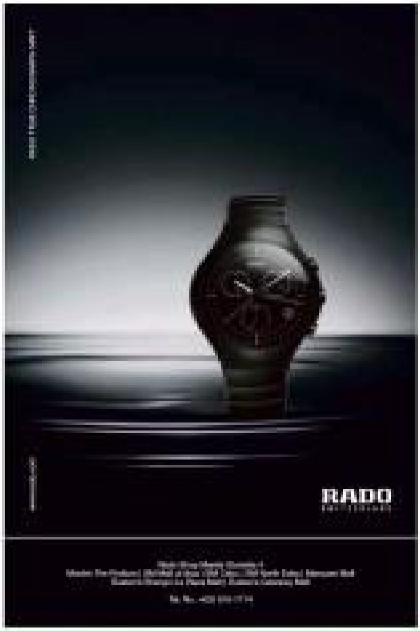
Preparing for disasters is also about prevention



Banker to SMEs . . .






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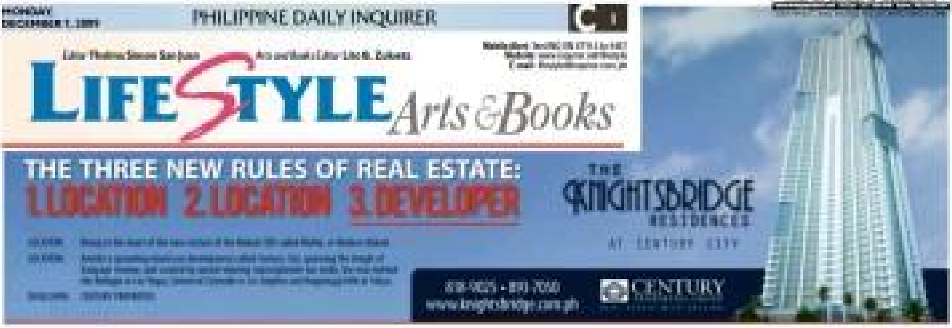

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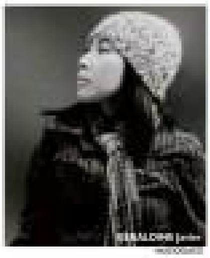
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Art shows with a heart

'Art 2 Heart' auction to the rescue

Auction record-breaker Geraldine Javier participates in art-for-a-cause bidding organized by TV personality Julius Babao to help victims of Ondoy, Pepeng


GERALDINE Javier

By Walter Ang
Contributor

THIRTY-SOMETHING contemporary visual artist Geraldine Javier has been setting records in Asian art auctions conducted by Christie's and Sotheby's in Hong Kong and by Borobudur in Singapore in the past few years.

Last year, her "Painting the Sky" sold for at least 10 times its estimated selling price in Christie's. In 2007, her "Mourning of Being" sold for 16 times more than the original estimate.

ART 2 HEART / C4

Liongoren holds group show for Pangasinan typhoon victims

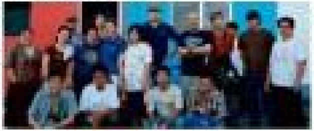
LIONGOREN GALLERY (111 New York St., Cubao, Quezon City), in partnership with Operation Blessing Foundation Inc., is mounting "Unos at Bunsag" (Storm and Ray of Hope), a benefit art show for the victims of Typhoon Pepeng in Pangasinan.

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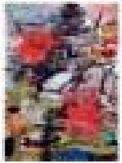
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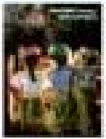


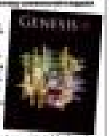


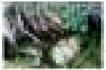
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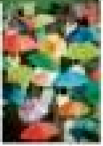
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Lawyer-artist holds exhibit





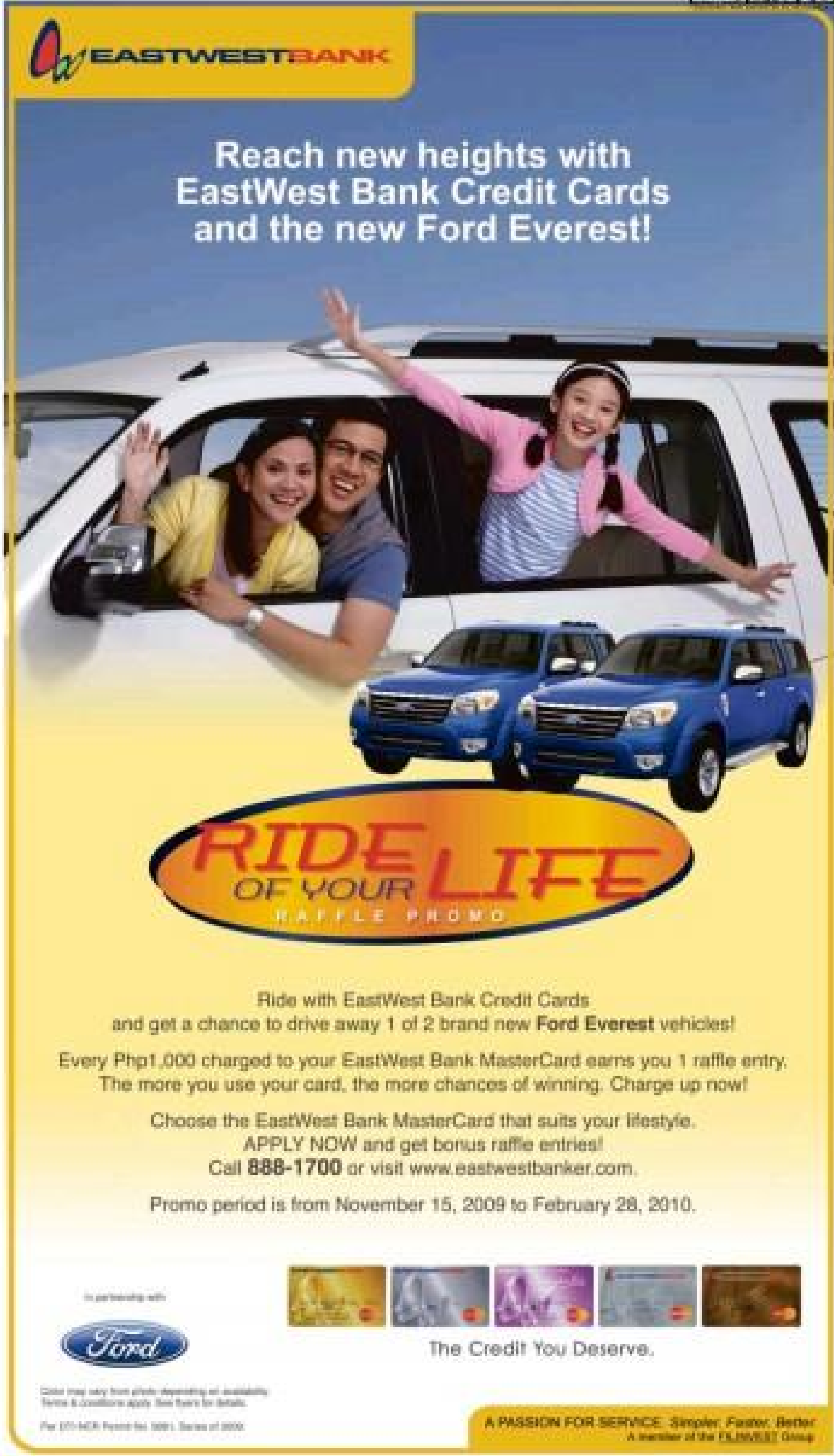











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BIENVENIDO Lumbera

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PEN writers congress condemns Maguindanao massacre, harassment of writers

THE PHILIPPINE Center of the International PEN (Poets and Playwrights, Essayists, Novelists) has condemned the Maguindanao massacre, where at least 57 people were brutally killed in what appears to be a politically motivated violence related to the 2010 elections.

Thirty-one of the victims were print and broadcast journalists.

Closing its 52nd national congress at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, the PEN, which is the Philippine branch of the international federation of writers based in London, passed a resolution condemning the massacre "in the strongest terms."

The Philippine PEN said the horrendous killings could be traced to "the culture of violence and impunity that has been engendered by government's rapprochement with warlords and their armies in Mindanao and elsewhere, and its inability or lack of interest to prosecute those behind the killing and violence committed against journalists and victims of human rights abuses in the past several years."

PEN said it is urging the government, the police and the military "to bring to the bar of justice the murderers and abusers, dismantle and destroy private armies across the land, and stop the flagrant traffic of guns and instruments of hate and bloodletting that has made Mindanao and its environs a political stockade and a killing field."

The Philippine PEN also urged the Commission on Elections "to do its job competently and effectively so as to ensure the peace, security and credibility of the 2010 elections."

Regime of violence

The PEN noted that the killing of journalists in Maguindanao is "the culmination of incidents in the past several years that point to an increasing regime of suppression and intimidation of journalists, writers and artists."

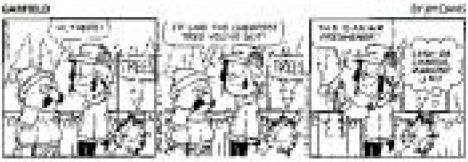
The PEN added that its own members, such as its newly elected chairman, National Artist Bienvenido Lumbera, have not

PEN WRITERS, D3


F. SIONIL Jose with NCCA commissioner Ricardo de Ungria


PANELISTS-SPEAKERS on Accent on Young Writing: Neil Garcia, Kristian Cordero, Rody Vera, Dennis Aguinaldo, Ehem Abueg, Vic Torres and Lourd de Veyra

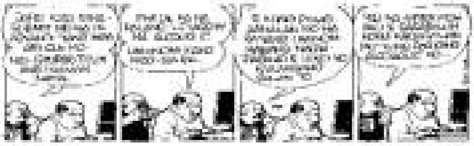
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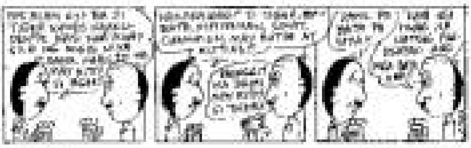


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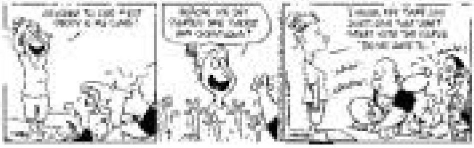
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DIVINE COMEDY



BABY BLUES — By Jerry Scott





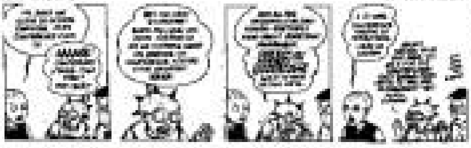
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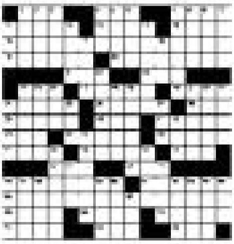
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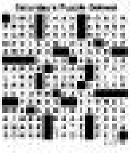


KIKO MACHINE — By Manix Abrera



CROSSWORD PUZZLE





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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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PEN writers congress condemns . . .

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boys shielded from government harassment.

PEN said that Lumbera's house, in [illegible] had been cased by military intelligence operatives. The military official duly denied the incident, saying that those who cased Lumbera's house in Quezon City were military trainees in a mock intelligence-gathering activity.

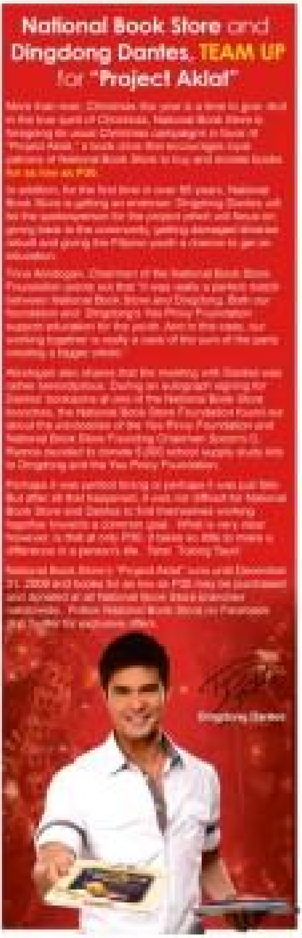
The incident happened after Lumbera and other National Artists and the cultural establishment [illegible] a protest against the latest proclamation by Malacañang of a new batch of National Artists, "most of whom did not pass the selection process mandated by the law," the PEN noted.

Before that, Lumbera had also been [illegible] PEN added.

The Philippine PEN likewise condemned the "persecution" of [illegible] by the military and its civilian [illegible] in Palawan. PEN [illegible] to hold literary writ[illegible]









University of the East holds holiday fest



THE CROWD at the PEN conference at the Cultural Center of the Philippines

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PEN OFFICIALS Lito Zulueta, F. Sionil José and Bienvenido Lumbera

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Regalado José, pianist with a curved finger; 82

But why can't TV feature our young music and dance talents?

BPI recognizes Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children for 2009



In photo: Nikko Jones Servano with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ronyo Servano receiving the award from BPI President Aurelio R. Montinola III, Secretary of the Dept. of Labor and Employment Marianito Roque, OWWA Administrator Carmelita Dimzon, and BPI SVP Teresita B. Tan.

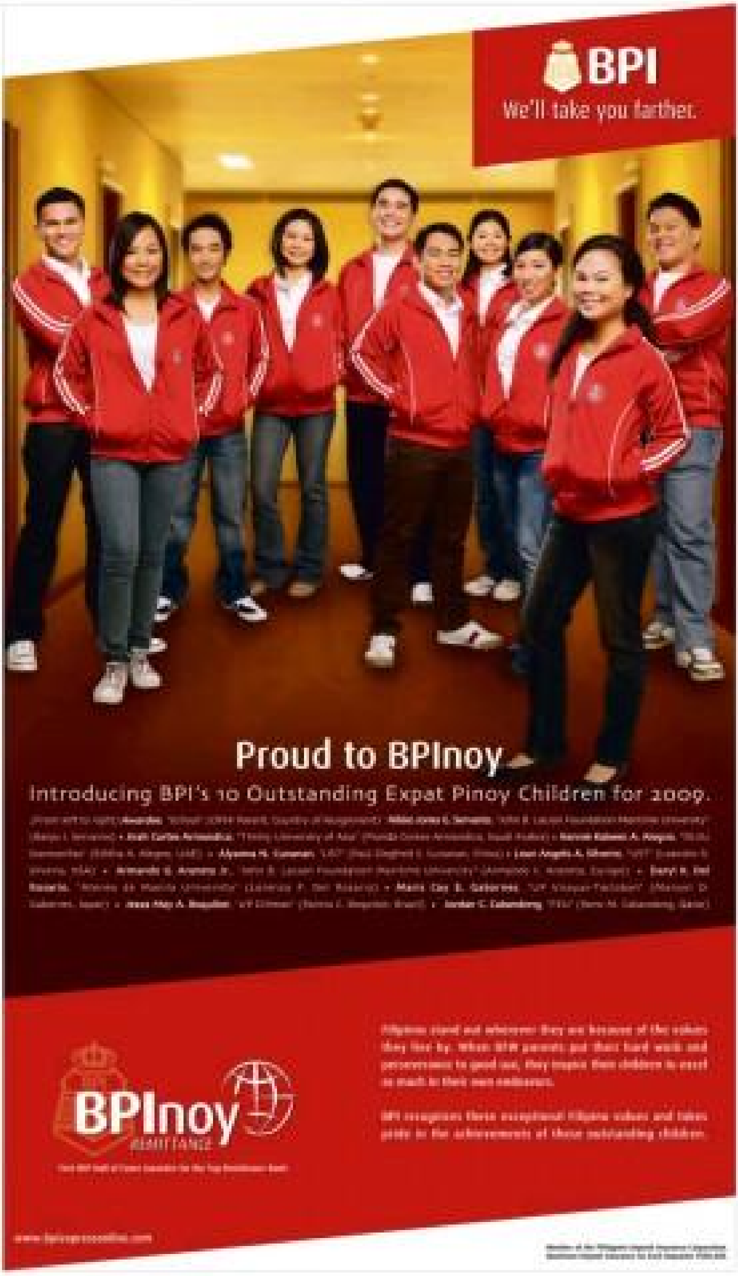
Exceptional children of Overseas Filipinos were awarded by the Bank of the Philippine Islands as the Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children for 2009. First initiated by BPI's Overseas Banking Group in 2007, the Search for Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children aims to honor both Expat Pinoy parents and children.

"The 2009 Ten Outstanding Expat Pinoy Children can serve as an inspiration to the Filipino youth. Here is a group of teenagers who have lived apart from one or both of their parents for long periods and yet, they have shown excellence in academics and genuine desire to be model Filipino citizens," says Teresita B. Tan, BPI SVP and Group Head of Overseas Banking and Channels Services Group.

Apart from academic excellence, skills in sports, music and arts, and contributions to the community — the winners also turned in the best essays answering the question, "What is my role in the development of our society, as a son/daughter of an Expat Pinoy?"

At the top of their lists of practical action steps on how to contribute to nation building, the winners stressed the important role they are about to undertake in the upcoming 2010 elections. All the winners also highlighted the importance of education, noting that it was for providing them the best education possible that their parents went overseas.

The winners received a trophy and Php50,000 in cash credited to a BPInoy Savings Account.



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Music was in his heart

Tributes to dance greats





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Modern tribute

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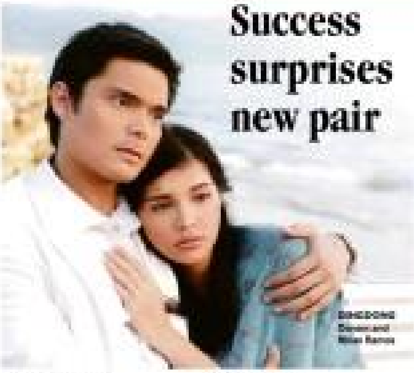
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ENTERTAINMENT

Success surprises new pair



DINGDONG

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

NO ONE IS MORE SURPRISED about the success of their new tandem than the lead stars of the GMA 7 soap opera "Stairway to Heaven," Dingdong Dantes and Rhian Ramos.

Toughest hurdle

Open-minded

WISH LIST



K Brosas

Iza Calzado

Mark Gil

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IZA Calzado

'Extreme' shows subvert meaning of 'talent'





Stars serve the world: Diet, Stevie, Nic Cage









Best of '09 on Discovery Channel



Environment a winning theme in fest

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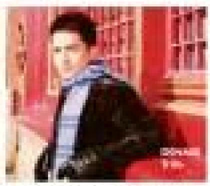
Rebellious boy

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'Outstanding work'

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Dennis' new lease on life

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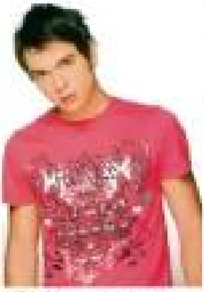
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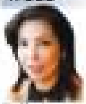


Jake Cuenca loses endorsement opportunity



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Dolly Anne Carvajal

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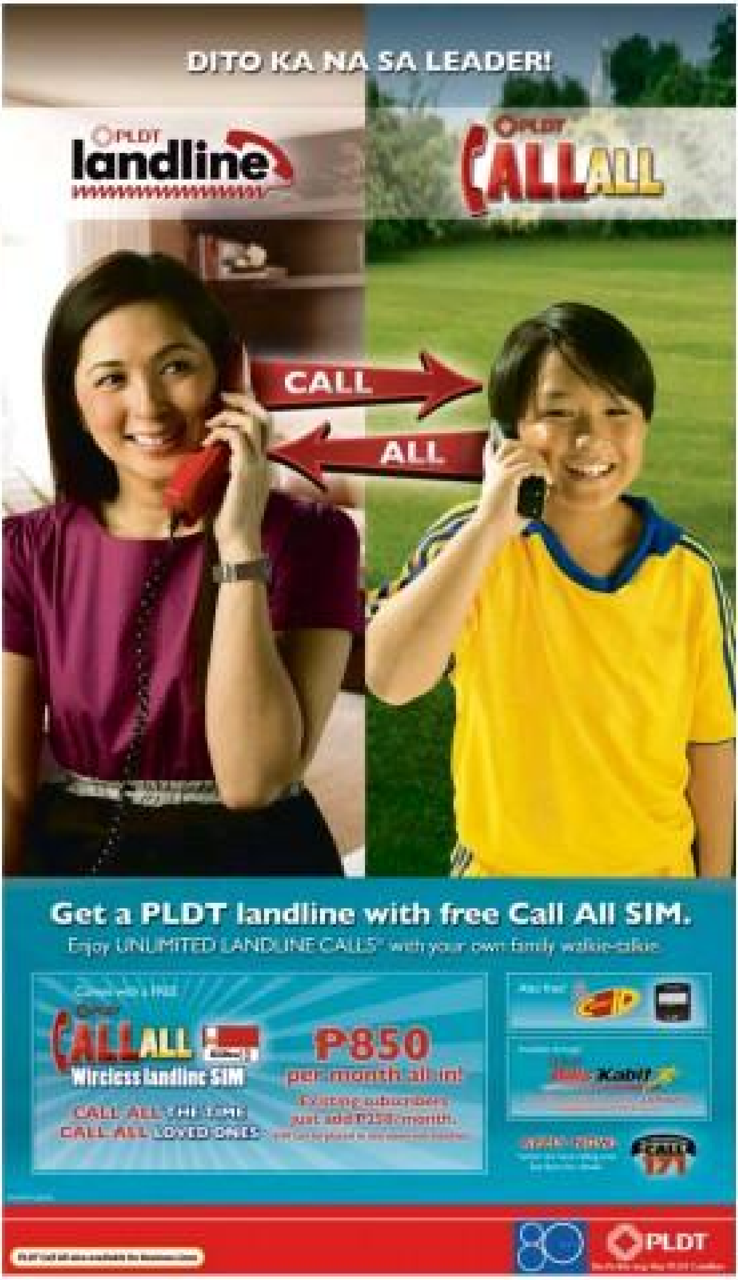
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Right concept, wrong songs

By Tony M. Maghirang
Contributor

REVIEW

BELIEVE, THE POP Musical" was billed as an attempt to "combine film, theater and music" and "inspire viewers to overcome their fears." The musical, which debuted in Cebu in late July this year, held its Manila premiere recently at the Music Museum.

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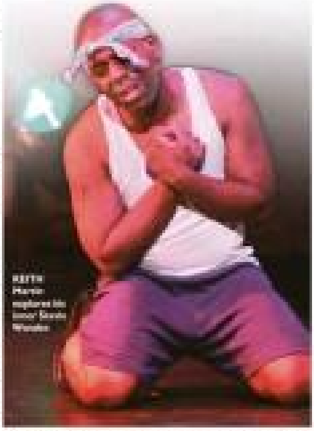


RADHA delivers one of the show's brightest spots.

For ideas, the writers should have probably reviewed the Sermon on the Mount

Bright spots

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KEITH Martin explored his inner Stevie Wonder

What-could-haves

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Sharon covers Gary Granada and other OPM gems

SPIN

SHARON CUNETA RETURNS TO her roots by recording an all-OPM album, "Musika at Pag-ibig" (Sony Music), though the 14 tracks that comprise it are all covers.

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JIM Brickman



SHARON Cuneta

Mark's 'Greatest Moves'

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MARK Herras

Bukas Palad's chants

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Sinosikat's '2nd Album'

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SINOSIKAT?

Gian's 'Love Tracks'

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'Intimately Acoustic'

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New from Jim Brickman

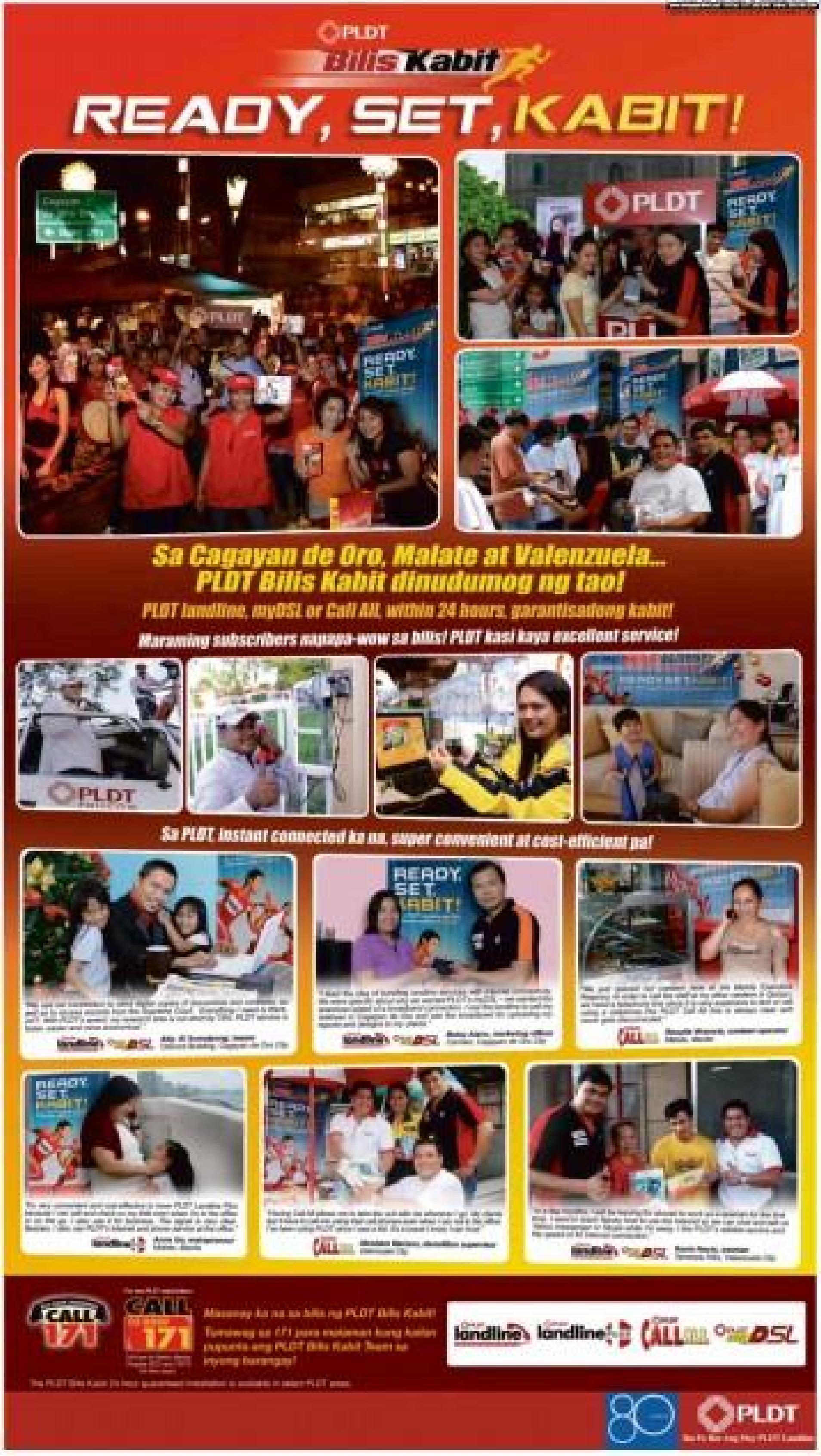
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Jazz from Streisand

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CARMINA with co-host Petra.

Lesson in humility

Carmina Villaroel meets typhoon victims and survivors like herself

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

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Pre-holiday treat

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KC CONCEPCION

Jake Cuenca loses . . .

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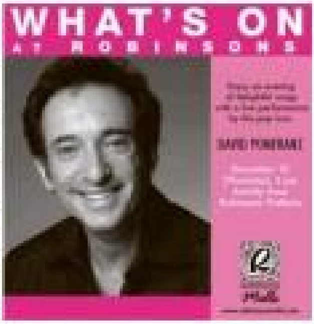






JURORS for TV5's media night (l-r)—Tuesday Vargas, Lucy Torres-Gomez and Audie Gemora—keep hilarious barbs coming, but only between bouts of guffaws. By evening's end, there were two top-notch team onstage, Ryan Agoncillo and Paolo Ballesteros.





A whole lot of rattling and rolling

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

IF TV5'S MEDIA Christmas party were an indication of how the new team, MediaQuest, intends to handle the fledgling network's programming, viewers could expect a mind-altering, gender-bending blast.

A lot of shaking, rattling and rolling went down that night at the PETA theater in Quezon City.

Entertainment reporters competed in a "press edition" of the channel's flagship show "Talentadong Pinoy."

The performances were sharp, and so were the quips of jurors Lucy Torres, Tuesday Vargas and Audie Gemora.

Tuesday described one contestant as the love child of Shirley Fuentes and Joel Cruz. She hailed another as a cross between Emily Ross and Linda Blair.

Sunny Lucy didn't think twice

A WHOLE H3



"TALENTADO" press edition champ Roy Parsaboy as Jodie San Miguel.



EMMIE Pucha



LEO Bukas as Ms. T. Lyka.



MILDRED Bacud and the 3 Stooges





Hot band Paramore coming soon

AMERICAN ROCK BAND PARAMORE, whose songs have been featured in the soundtrack of the 2008 film "Twilight," will be in Manila for a concert on May 9, 2010, at the SM Mall of Asia open-air grounds. Paramore's 2007 album "Riot" has sold over two million copies worldwide; the band was nominated for "Best New Artist" at the 2008 Grammy Awards. Call 891-9999.

Lenka at SM malls

Australian singer-songwriter Lenka performs in a series of free shows on Dec. 11 (SM Megamall Events Center), Dec. 12 (SM Mall of Asia Main Atrium), and Dec. 13 (SM North Edsa Skydome). Shows start at 5 p.m. Fans can buy a copy of Lenka's album and have her autograph. A former TV and film actress, Lenka became a member of an Australian rock band before moving to the United States to pursue a solo career. Her self-titled album, which included a hit single, "The Show," entered the Billboard 200 chart.



LENKA

Electromantics tonight at Glorietta

Featured in a free show tonight at 6 at the Glorietta Activity Center, Makati, is the Pinoy band Electromantics. Widely recognized for its distinct, influential sound in the 1980s, the band's original guitarist, [illegible], and drummer, [illegible], hooked up again and reformed the group, which now includes [illegible].



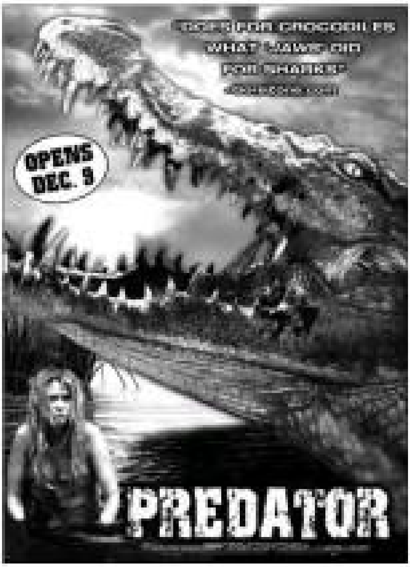




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A whole...

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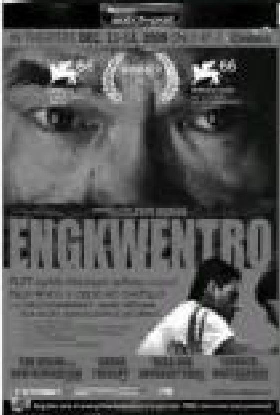
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Assunta makes slapping scene memorable for KC



MEDIA LAUNCH: (from left) ...

Waiting to become Grizabella



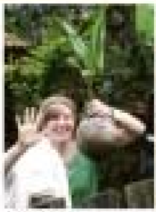
ASSUNTA de Rossi

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Give peace a chance

People of these islands must understand they belong to the same nation and accept each other as equals







Tipas is school of their affections

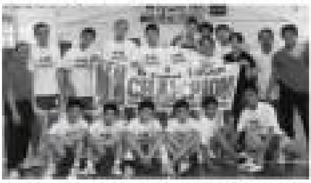




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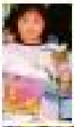


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